

Long-term Plan 2024–34

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Submission

Proposal 1: Three waters funding
Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 2: Fund \$4.7 million shortfall by taking on debt each year.

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 2?

Immediately start consultations on potential cuts to find this shortfall in savings, further reducing high paid council staff numbers, would be a good starting point., also reducing unnecessary services or make them user paid. Libraries, aquatic facilities etc.

Proposal 2: Proactively reduce Council's debt
Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 3: Apply average rates increases of 6% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 3?

I support none of these options no increase in rates should be used to pay back debt. For the vast majority of Kapiti residents it would be preferable to use this money to repaid their own debts, debts they have some control over. Kcdc must make savings, rather than give the CEO a record pay rise with no KOI on

reducing costs, I suggest you remove him and rehire a new CEO with remuneration clearly linked to reducing costs.

**Proposal 3: Transfer Council's housing for older people
Which option should we choose? (select one option)**

Option 1: Transfer our older persons' housing assets to a new Community Housing Provider

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 1?

Kapiti coast residents are unable to fund social housing, standard rentable stock should be used with top up benefits from central government given where needed.

New climate action rate

Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 2: Make no change to how we allocate funding our climate change activities

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 2?

Let's wait and see what the new government does in this area over the next couple of years.

If you have any views on these policies, please comment here:

Rates remission - there should rarely be any late fee for rate payment. Residents will really struggle with these types of increases. It will break many households.

Revenue and finance - It's erroneous to think that having rates fund libraries, swimming pools etc benefits low income people, they would benefit a lot more from lower rates as they will be disproportionately affected by any increase, make as many facilities as possible 100% user pay.

Engagement - The main issue with this is the format in which it is done. Online would be preferable to employed residents and we need to move towards a direct democracy model for significant issues as Kcfdc cannot be relied upon to act in a way that benefits the residents of Kapiti.

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about this LTP?

If this is the best Kcfdc can do perhaps the overpaid CEO and the mayor should offer their resignations.